

## WILSON ACTS IN THE McNAB CASE

Defends McReynolds, but Orders  
White Slave Trials  
Pushed.

URGES QUICK ACTION

McNab's Resignation Accepted in  
Rebuking Telegram.

HENRY MAY BE PROSECUTOR

Suits Against the Western Fuel  
Company Also Will Proceed Vigorously.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—President Wilson made public to-night a report which Attorney-General McReynolds has made to him on the postponement of the trial of the Caminetti-Diggs white slave case in California. The President, in a letter addressed to the Attorney-General, expresses the belief that the obligation has been imposed upon the Administration to proceed with the prosecution of the case with the utmost diligence and energy.

This means that the trial halted by Mr. McReynolds will be pushed immediately.

The President announced, however, that he has accepted the resignation of United States District Attorney John L. McNab of San Francisco, who is responsible for the attack upon the Attorney-General. Not only the Caminetti case, but the indictments against directors of the Western Fuel Company, charged with customs frauds, which also were held up by Mr. McReynolds, will be pushed immediately by eminent special counsel.

President Says He Is Satisfied.

The President in his letter to McReynolds assures him that he is entirely satisfied with the course that the Department of Justice has taken in this case, as well as in the Western Fuel Company case.

Mr. Wilson expresses the belief that the Attorney-General throughout has been prompted only by a clear instinct of what was fair and right. But the President added, however, that under existing circumstances the Government ought to proceed immediately in the prosecution of the case and employ special counsel to that end.

While the President's letter is patently intended to let the Attorney-General down easy, it is apparent that Mr. Wilson's action amounts to nothing less than a repudiation of the Attorney-General's course. The President's letter is in substance a direction to the Attorney-General to withdraw his own order for the postponement of the Caminetti trial, issued a week ago, and to proceed with the case immediately.

Although the President in his letter refers to the suggestion that special counsel be employed immediately to proceed with the case as having emanated from the Attorney-General, it is not doubted here that this suggestion is the outcome of the consideration of the case at to-day's session of the Cabinet.

Cabinet Considers Matter.

The Cabinet session was given over entirely to a discussion of ways and means for extricating the Administration from the embarrassing situation which had been brought on by Mr. McReynolds' action, and it was decided upon as necessary that the Department of Justice reverse itself completely.

It was then agreed, it is understood unofficially, that the Attorney-General should make to the President a detailed report of the Caminetti case and at the same time suggest that circumstances had made it advisable that the case be proceeded with immediately. Similarly it was agreed that Secretary of Labor Wilson should write a letter to the Attorney-General making public for a second time the part he had played in bringing about the postponement of the case.

Mr. McReynolds himself, in his statement to the President, explains that the details of the white slave case had been put off in the interest of the Immigration service, he did not look up the papers. The entire tone of Mr. McReynolds' statement is that he may have made a mistake, but that he was painfully conscious his action had been free from unworthy motives. Now he is in favor of vigorous and prompt prosecution.

Wilson's Letter to McReynolds.

Here is the President's letter to the Attorney-General:

MY DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL: Allow me to acknowledge with sincere appreciation your letter of to-day giving me full account of the way in which the Department of Justice has dealt with the Caminetti and the Western Fuel Company cases, pending in California, and transmitting the documents connected with the two cases necessary for their prosecution.

I am entirely satisfied that the course you took in both these cases was prompted by sound and impartial judgment and a clear instinct for what was fair and right. I approve your course very heartily and without hesitation, but I agree with you that what we may think of as the obligation to press these cases with the utmost diligence and energy.

I approve very heartily of your suggestion that in the circumstances special counsel be employed, the ablest we can get. I will be very glad to confer with you about the selection. I hope that you will give your personal attention to the

## BLEASE GLAD "YANKEES" GO.

South Carolina Loses Federal Support of Militia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 24.—Because he declined recently to muster out of service as required by the National Guard of South Carolina which had failed to measure up to the standard of efficiency required by the War Department, Gov. Cole Blaise was advised to-day by Brig. Gen. Mills, U. S. A., chief of the division of militia affairs, that Federal support of the South Carolina militia would be withdrawn.

The United States army officers assigned to this State will be removed, the arms and supplies furnished by the War Department to the militia taken back and the \$75,000 appropriation for the annual encampment withheld. Without Federal aid the encampment cannot be held.

However, Gov. Blaise said he was convinced that the militia would rather have no encampment than "be bossed by Yankees."

"Please the Lord," said the Governor, "South Carolina is again free from the domination of Yankee uniforms and once more in control of her own State militia."

Gov. Blaise said Gen. Mills's message was justification of the fight which Blaise had made against the Dick law and he now expected that the Legislature would repeal it.

## S. OSGOOD PELL FLIES HOME FROM HIS CLUB

Makes Ten Mile Trip to Wheatley Hills With Aviator Vilas in 10 Minutes.

S. Osgood Pell flew from the Westchester Country Club to his home at Wheatley Hills yesterday in the Curtiss "flying boat" with L. A. Vilas. They did the ten miles in ten minutes. Mr. Pell said "It was perfectly wonderful! It was his first air excursion."

Mr. Pell and the aviator talked over the possibility of making a trip to Wheatley Hills before starting on their journey, but concluded as they were flying in not to undertake it owing to the choppyness of the sea. They intended only to circle City Island.

But when the machine soared aloft the aviator said that he could get Mr. Pell home in a jiffy and the real estate man told him to go ahead.

The flier arose 500 feet and shot over Pelham Bay. It went over three Sound boats and dipped down into the water, arising a moment later, to the great surprise of the passengers. Vilas had no idea where Wheatley Hills was, but Mr. Pell pointed to the green hills far away and Vilas steered on a bearing.

The landing was made a short distance from Mr. Pell's home. The aviator made the return trip to the clubhouse at a higher altitude in another ten minutes.

Vilas made twenty-five flights yesterday afternoon, taking a passenger each time. Among those who went up and came down again with the aviator were Supt. Porter of the Westchester club, William C. Muschenheim, proprietor of the Hotel Astor, Secretary Delano of the Aero. Club and a Mrs. Hawkins. Glenn H. Curtiss also did some flying in the machine.

## JULIUS DEFENDS OUR CITY.

Loves It "Like a Hunter Loves His Faithful Spaniel."

Sheriff Harburger joined the ranks of the public writers yesterday when he replied to John Holder of Glendale, S. C., who wrote offering to enlist as a special deputy and asked permission to tackle the New York gun fighters, singly or collectively. The Sheriff said in part:

"MY DEAR YOUNG MAN: I must first call your attention to the fact that there are no gun fighters in New York—that is, no more than in any other city in proportion—and considering the size of this city we are as clean morally as a placid country village."

"An objectionable element of bad men, chiefly a low type of foreigners who have no standing with the industrious foreign element, have gotten in here. They talked of pulling down our glorious red, white and blue flag, but I stopped them, and I never had to fire a shot."

"New York is the great imperial city of the greatest, richest, country on the globe—a city that every man who lives in the Ritz-Carlton or in Hester street, loves like a hunter loves his faithful spaniel. As for myself, when the time comes for me to pass away, the Great Unknown I want to die with the American flag in my hand and my face toward the Statue of Liberty."

## KILLED AT ELKS' PICNIC.

Gaiety Turns to Mourning When Dynamite Explodes.

PITTSBURGH, June 24.—The gaiety of the annual picnic of the Elks of western Pennsylvania in Idlewild Park, near Ligonier, this afternoon, was turned to mourning when a pipe filled with dynamite and powder exploded, killing one man and injuring several others, more or less seriously. Albert Kirsch, aged 52 years, a member of Lodge 338, was killed almost instantly.

To aid in the celebration Kirsch and several other men buried a piece of three inch pipe two feet in length partially in the ground. This they filled with explosives. While ramming he charged one of the men jarred the explosive. A large piece of the pipe struck Kirsch on the back, just behind the right shoulder, tearing out the back of his neck and tearing a hole in his side. His head was almost severed from the body.

## OPIUM TAXED \$200 A POUND.

Congress Hopes to Stop the Sale of Drug for Smoking.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—By unanimous vote the House to-day passed the bill offered by Representative Harrison of New York imposing a prohibition tax on the sale of smoking opium in the United States.

The tax is fixed at \$200 a pound on opium sold for smoking and authorizes the levying of enormous fines and other penalties for violations of the law.

## PRINCESS "PAT" TO WED GERMAN PRINCE

Duke of Connaught's Daughter Engaged to Heir to Mecklenburg-Strelitz Duchy.

## KING ALFONSO SOUGHT HER

Niece of Late King Edward Visited New York With Parents Last Year.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, June 24.—A Berlin despatch to the Standard says the engagement will shortly be announced of Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, and Prince Adolf Friedrich, heir to the Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

Princess Patricia, known to her intimates as Princess "Pat," is easily the most popular of the younger members of English royalty. The high place which her father, a brother of the late King Edward VII., has always held in the affections of the English people is her heritage and on every occasion she has shown herself worthy of the esteem bestowed upon her. Her hand has been sought often in marriage, but despite reports of engagements she has steadily declined.

## Pet of All England.

She is now 27. She is the pet not only of her parents but of all England. She is pretty, has plenty of spirit and an abounding sense of humor. Golf and riding are her favorite outdoor amusements and she is proficient as an artist and caricaturist. King Edward loved her best of all his nieces.

He did not even resent her refusal to marry the King of Spain, and it was with difficulty he continued steadfast in his opposition to a love affair of hers that romantic England sympathizes with even to this day. When the Princess was little more than a schoolgirl she fell in love with a marquis, but he was not of royal blood and King Edward frowned upon a mésalliance. The young lady thereupon announced that she would not marry at all.

When Alfonso XIII. of Spain set forth to find him a throne mate his thoughts were naturally directed toward the dashing young Princess. He had seen her at Madrid, and it was said that he went to London with her photograph in his pocket. His courtship was ardent and had the approval of every one except the object of his affection, and the youthful King finally sought a wife elsewhere. It was reported at the time that Princess Patricia's refusal was due to the fact that she had given her heart to Lord Anglesey, but nothing ever came of that reported match. She was also reported engaged to the Count of Turin and to the Grand Duke Michael, only brother of Czar Nicholas.

## Came to New York Last Year.

In January, 1912, the Princess accompanied her parents on a visit to New York and Washington. They spent three days at the home of the late Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid in this city.

Recently it was announced that the Princess had written a book on her impressions of America, but that it would not be circulated because of the opposition of Queen Mary. Rumor had it that the young lady had observed had aroused the fear of the Queen that international complications might have followed had the book been suppressed. This may or may not be known the reason. The Princess let it be known while she was here that she had thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Adolf-Friedrich is the third child of Adolf-Friedrich George, Grand Duke of Mecklenburg. His sisters are Duchess Marie Victoria and Duchess Charlotte Augusta. He was born at Neustrelitz on June 17, 1885.

## ROSES, BOYS AND A BICYCLE.

All Mixed Up in a Fight on Sixth Avenue After Collision.

LOUIS MITCHELL, a fourteen-year-old messenger boy of 150 Norfolk street, was crossing Sixth avenue at Thirty-third street last night with a large box of flowers which he was taking to the home of Mrs. William H. Ivan of 75 West Fifty-fifth street, when eighteen-year-old Samuel Montaroli came down the avenue on a bicycle and bumped into him. After a look at the machine Louis picked up the flowers and gave chase.

At Twenty-ninth street he caught up with Montaroli, who was riding leisurely along. Louis raised the box of flowers and brought it down on Montaroli's head. The box broke. The boys scuffled in the street until Patrolman Wynne hurried over and separated Louis and Samuel from the bicycle and roses. Then he took them to the West Thirtieth street police station.

Louis said the bicycle belonged to him and that Montaroli had stolen it. Montaroli said the bicycle belonged to him and always had. Lieut. McCarthy said they had better let a Magistrate settle the quarrel for them.

Mrs. Ivan didn't get her roses.

## HALF A DAY IN NEW YORK

Take the "Pan Handle Limited" at 12:04 Noon to-day and arrive Chicago 12:45 P. M. to-morrow.

Through sleeping cars and coaches—all steel. Pennsylvania Railroad.—Ad.

## HELD UP AND SHOT IN PARK.

Salesman Sitting With Girl Is Attacked by Four Men.

Irving Reines, a salesman, of 109 East 113th street, was held up in Central Park near 110th street last evening, robbed of a gold watch and then shot in the back. The man who did the shooting escaped, but one of the four men accused of being engaged in the affair was arrested and locked up in the Arsenal police station on a charge of highway robbery. He said he is Joseph Nicolini of 1755 Third avenue.

Reines was in the park with Julia Wasserman of 109 East 113th street. The two were seated on a bench and Reines with his head on the girl's shoulder went to sleep. Suddenly, the girl says, four men appeared and one of them, drawing a revolver, said to one of his companions, "Search him and see what he has."

One of the men, afterward identified as Nicolini, stepped forward and took a watch from Reines's pocket. At that moment Miss Wasserman roused her companion, Reines, jumping up, dashed after the man who had the watch. Then the other man with the revolver, fired two shots, one of which struck Reines in the back and felled him. The girl, however, continued the chase and the man dropped the watch, which she picked up.

Several men, including Patrolmen Oliver and Shields, took up the chase and nabbed the man who was running away. Reines was taken to the Mount Sinai Hospital, where he identified Nicolini as the man who had grabbed his watch.

## FOUR DEAD, 62 HURT IN GRAIN EXPLOSION

Twenty-five of the Injured in Buffalo Hospitals Not Expected to Live.

BUFFALO, June 24.—From twenty-five to thirty lives will be the toll of an explosion which late this afternoon wrecked the mill and elevator of the Husted Milling Company at South Buffalo. Four bodies have thus far been found and sixty-two injured are in the various hospitals of the city. The doctors believe that at least twenty-five of them will die. Some employees are not yet accounted for and their bodies may be found in the ruins when daylight will permit a search.

The explosion is thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the big pit where corn was stored. There was no warning. With a roar that could be heard for a mile the entire north side of the big plant was blown out.

A second later flames burst from all parts, followed by another explosion even more violent than the first. There were 170 men at work in the factory and all but twenty-five have been accounted for. Whether they escaped or whether their bodies lie at the bottom of the great mass of smoldering ruins will not be known until to-morrow.

The body of Michael King was blown through the side of the building and hurled against a house 500 feet away. Henry Vetter, a foreman, met a like fate. John Conroy, a Nickel Plate engineer, was crushed to death in the cab of his engine as he was passing the plant. An unidentified boy was killed by the whirlwind of debris that followed the first alarm from the plant.

Within a few minutes a general alarm of the fire had been turned in and every bit of apparatus in the city was rushed to the scene and the work of rescue began. Dozens of terribly burned men were carried out and soon every ambulance in the city was in commission.

Patrolmen Thomas McNamara and Leonard Brooks saved ten men from an upper window. The employees were terribly burned and their clothing was in flames when the policemen reached them. Many jumped from upper windows and were terribly hurt.

When the first explosion occurred Patrolman McNamara was on the scene. He saw a Nickel Plate passenger train approaching and knew it would run along the track and flagged the train. It stopped just as the second explosion came. Windows in the cars were broken and many passengers were cut. Had the train proceeded another hundred yards it would have met the full force of the terrific explosion.

The factory was destroyed. The money loss was \$500,000.

## DISCUSS PRISON AT WINGDALE.

Commission Considers Resuming Work at Site Dix Disapproved.

ALBANY, June 24.—The advisability of resuming work on Wingdale prison in Dutchess county, in conformity with the original plan of erecting there a modern prison to take the place of Sing Sing, was discussed to-day by the Sulzer commission on new prisons.

Gov. Sulzer intimated that he favored the resumption of work at Wingdale. The cost of the prison was originally estimated at \$2,000,000, but Gov. Dix asserted that it could not be constructed for less than \$3,500,000.

Marcus T. Hun of Albany was elected president of the commission to-day in place of Simon W. Rosendale, resigned. George T. McLoughlin, a Republican, was made secretary.

Thomas Mott Osborne of Auburn to-day was elected chairman of the commission appointed by Gov. Sulzer to investigate the affairs of State prisons and reformatories. George W. Kirchwey was elected vice-chairman and E. Stagg Whitin secretary.

Mr. Osborne will go abroad to make a study of prisons in England, France, Germany, Hungary and Switzerland.

When you go to the country, take ANGLIS-TURA BITTERS, an equally tonic.—Ad.

## MILLS ESTATE FIXED NOW AT \$35,000,000

Had Been Estimated to Be Worth More Than Twice That Amount.

## \$500,000 LEFT TO PUBLIC

Son and Daughter Get Rest—\$1,000,000 Christmas Gifts May Be Taxed.

The appraisal of the estate of Darius Ogden Mills, which has been pending for over three years, is about completed and shows that although the value of the estate was estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000 when Mr. Mills died on January 4, 1910, the gross value will not be more than \$36,000,000.

While the report is not completed the estimates now on file with Appraiser Percival E. Nagle indicate that the net value of the estate will be about \$35,000,000.

Mr. Mills left \$500,000 to public institutions and divided the rest between his son, Ogden Mills, and daughter, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who will receive at least \$17,000,000 each. The two children were named as executors of the estate.

The delay in completing the appraisal of the estate has been due to some extent to the diverse views of financial experts as to the value of certain securities.

## Once Fixed at \$43,000,000.

At one time the estimates as to the value of the securities made the total value of the estate about \$43,000,000, but Stetson, Jennings & Russell, counsel for the executors, submitted proof that the estimates were too high and the total value was reduced to the amount mentioned.

Appraiser Nagle took a large amount of testimony in an effort to determine whether gifts of \$1,000,000 each made by Mr. Mills to his children on Christmas Day, 1909, a few days before he died, were to be regarded as gifts made in contemplation of death, under which view they are taxable, or were outright gifts, which would exempt them from taxation.

The appraiser's present intention is to tax the \$2,000,000, and if he does so the attorney for the executors will probably appeal. They insist that the letter written by Mr. Mills to his children in which he announced the gifts indicates that they were not made in contemplation of death.

## Usual Christmas Present.

In the letter Mr. Mills said: "I send each of you my usual Christmas present of \$1,000,000."

It could not be learned yesterday how long Mr. Mills had kept up the custom of giving each of his children \$1,000,000 at Christmas time. The estate in California has been appraised at \$2,200,000.

In his will Mr. Mills gave \$100,000 each to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, New York Home for Incurables and St. Luke's Hospital of San Francisco. The New York Botanical Gardens received \$50,000, and the American Geographical Society and American Red Cross each got \$25,000. The will contained less than 500 words.

The appraisal will be filed shortly, when the full details as to the holdings of the estate will become known.

## LIGHTNING KILLS PICNICER.

Thomas White, Sewing Machine Manufacturer, One of Four Hurt.

CLEVELAND, June 24.—A bolt of lightning struck the lunch pavilion at Willoughby Beach Park to-day during a picnic of the First Unitarian Church Sunday school and killed Joseph Mansfield, custodian of the church, and seriously injured Thomas White, head of the White Sewing Machine Company; Mrs. Thomas White, Mrs. Harry Hyatt and Mrs. Fannie Wilkins. A hundred others suffered slightly.

Several hundred picnickers, mostly children and women, were eating when a lightning flash out of a clear sky pierced the big lunch room. Dozens of women and children were struck down. Screams filled the place and many women fainted. The Rev. Minot O. Simmons, the pastor, and others finally quelled the crowd. The injured were carried to one side and cared for, after which they were taken home in ambulances.

## DISCUSS PRISON AT WINGDALE.

Commission Considers Resuming Work at Site Dix Disapproved.

ALBANY, June 24.—The advisability of resuming work on Wingdale prison in Dutchess county, in conformity with the original plan of erecting there a modern prison to take the place of Sing Sing, was discussed to-day by the Sulzer commission on new prisons.

Gov. Sulzer intimated that he favored the resumption of work at Wingdale. The cost of the prison was originally estimated at \$2,000,000, but Gov. Dix asserted that it could not be constructed for less than \$3,500,000.

Marcus T. Hun of Albany was elected president of the commission to-day in place of Simon W. Rosendale, resigned. George T. McLoughlin, a Republican, was made secretary.

Thomas Mott Osborne of Auburn to-day was elected chairman of the commission appointed by Gov. Sulzer to investigate the affairs of State prisons and reformatories. George W. Kirchwey was elected vice-chairman and E. Stagg Whitin secretary.

Mr. Osborne will go abroad to make a study of prisons in England, France, Germany, Hungary and Switzerland.

When you go to the country, take ANGLIS-TURA BITTERS, an equally tonic.—Ad.

## COHALAN PAPERS IN ALBANY.

They Probably Will Be Sent to Legislature To-day.

ALBANY, June 25.—The papers in the Cohalan case arrived here late last night (Tuesday) and they probably will be sent to the Legislature to-day.

The Democratic legislative leaders determined last night not to end the extra session this week. There are a number of recommendations for legislation made by Gov. Sulzer, legislation for which has not yet been formulated, and the Democratic leaders decided to let the members return to their homes for the balance of the week after the Senate kills the Governor's direct primary bill.

However, this decision, probably will be changed if the Cohalan charges are presented at once.

## 16,000,000 EGGS RUSHED HERE.

Tumble of Prices Expected to Follow Big Receipts.

There was a rush of eggs into town yesterday and prices should go tumbling down. More than 16,000,000 eggs arrived, which is almost enough to give four eggs to every person who was discovered by the census taker.

The Mercantile Exchange posted receipts for 44,100 cases of thirty dozen eggs each, which would mean 13,230,000 eggs, and many eggs sent by express are not posted, so the estimate of 16,000,000 eggs is conservative. The average wholesale price was about 20 cents a dozen, or \$264,600 for all the eggs which were posted on the exchange.

The rush of eggs caused a drop of a half cent for eggs to every person who was discovered by the census taker. They would have been worth \$615 more.

Good eggs should sell at the groceries for not more than 25 cents a dozen.

## STEAM ROLLERED HIS TROUSERS.

German Driver Says It Makes "Elegant Creases."

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, June 24.—The newspapers print a circumstantial story of how the driver of a steam roller working on a highway near Berlin yesterday doffed his trousers, carefully folded them up and ran off with them.

"This is my trousers press," he remarked smilingly to the onlookers. "It makes elegant creases."

## WATER WINGS DIDN'T SAVE BOY.

Harlem River Tide Sweeps Him to Death—Comrade Looks On.

The tide in Harlem River carried away thirteen-year-old Ernest Lack of 285 West 147th street, who went swimming off 148th street yesterday afternoon. He had water wings beneath his arms, but the river took them, and he sank.

In shallower water stood Jesse O'Connor, 14 years old, who could not swim. When he saw his comrade go under he ran home to get his father. The police were dragging for Ernest Lack's body by lantern light last night.

## SHE BALKS AT BEING JUROR.

Woman Excused on Plea of Urgent Household Duties.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Mrs. Dee Worthington, the first woman juror called in a local court, asked to be excused because of urgent household duties. Her name had been drawn under the idea she was a man. Counsel on both sides agreed to admit her. She made a plea to the court and though she did not specify what household work was waiting the Judge quickly excused her.

## JUDGE LOVETT TO TESTIFY.

Will Tell Senate Committee About U. P.'s Legislative Agents.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Judge T. S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, will appear to-morrow night before a specially called session of the sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee investigating the President's charges that a lobby exists in Washington. The session will be held at 8 o'clock to give the Democratic members of the committee time to attend their caucus on the tariff bill.

Judge Lovett last week solicited the privilege of testifying before the committee to allay certain rumors of illegitimate activities on the part of the Union Pacific's legislative agents in Washington.

## KILLS HIMSELF AFTER FAILURE.

Partner in Firm of James Watson & Co. Found Drowned.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

GLASGOW, June 24.—Peter Donaldson, a partner in the iron firm of James Watson & Co., which has a branch in Pittsburgh, Pa., and which failed on June 11, was found drowned in the Firth of Clyde to-day with dumbbells tied to his neck and his legs.

The liabilities of the firm are \$1,990,000 and the assets \$605,000.

## WOOL AND SUGAR VOTE TO-DAY.

Duty Advocates Have Amendment on Which They'll Stand.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—An agreement was reached in the Senate Democratic caucus to-day that the items of free wool and ultimate free sugar will be voted on to-morrow afternoon.

Senator Shafroth of Colorado had offered an amendment which will be the rallying point for the sugar duty advocates in their final stand in the caucus to prevent free sugar. It proposes to make the duty half a cent a pound after 1916 instead of free sugar, as the bill proposes.

Senator Myers of Montana astonished the caucus by asserting that two-thirds of the Democrats in Montana stood for free wool and free sugar.

The agricultural schedule was approved practically without change. Democratic leaders are not hopeful of completing work on the bill in caucus before the end of the week, and it